Bear River Association of Governments 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan



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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Bear River Regional 2022 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Update is to provide decision makers in local governments and service providers of Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties in Northern Utah with the information and goals regarding the needs and market conditions regarding housing and community development to enable them to make data-driven and place-based public investment decisions for limited public funds. It evaluates the needs of the region and assesses the availability of resources to make positive impacts in housing affordability, availability, and livability by establishing realistic goals and prioritizing activities and investments to achieve the desired outcomes.

The Plan is developed by staff of the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG), under the direction of the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, Division of Housing and Community Development to provide local and regional input into the Statewide Consolidated Planning process.

BRAG, which also staffs both the Logan City Housing Authority and the Bear River Regional Housing Authority, is constantly evaluating local housing needs. The current economic conditions in the region have greatly increased needs for moderate income housing, as market value and demand for housing of any kind is beginning to increase. BRAG works closely with local governments to provide current estimates of housing affordable to Moderate Income Households (earning less than 80% of the County Median Income), Low Income Households (earning less than 50% of the County Median Income), and Very Low Income Households (earning less than 30% of the County Median Income) and develop objectives for each community to address any identified needs in housing affordability and availability.

Consistent with national and statewide trends, housing demand is up while inventory remains low, driving prices for rent and mortgages up. Record low unemployment rates have forced wages up to attract and retain workforce, but the wage growth still fails to keep up with housing cost increases. Low inventory and vacancy rates also allow property owners and managers to be more selective in who they rent to, negatively impacting people with criminal records, poor credit ratings, and other barriers.

There is also persistent demand for transitional housing for persons with mental health disabilities in Box Elder County and victims of domestic abuse throughout the region. In 2016, BRAG, Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing Corporation, and Bear River Mental Health negotiated the transfer of ownership for the Bear River Commons apartment complex to BRAG. This complex provides housing to low-income individuals, primarily those receiving mental health services. Box Elder and Cache Counties have also identified a moderate need for transitional housing for persons recently discharged from local correctional facilities. While efforts to implement a project to address this need are ongoing, challenges organizing the staff and addressing liability concerns remain. Similarly, public sentiment is growing for the provision of a local full-time homeless shelter. While funds are available to create such a facility, the persistent low numbers of chronic homeless make it difficult to justify the investment of State and Federal agencies to provide staffing and counselling services.

BRAG engaged Logan City and other regional stakeholders to develop a new plan to address Homelessness issues, including chronic homelessness, transitional homelessness, and incidents related to correctional discharge. This plan was completed and adopted by the Local Homeless Coordination Committee in 2020.

Rural community infrastructure for critical public services such as water, waste water, transportation, and emergency services have been repeatedly targeted by COVID-19 pandemic relief funds as well as State budget surpluses. While the need for updated and new infrastructure is still great, more resources are available for the next 2 to 3 years to address community priorities.

Consultation

As part of this Consolidated Planning process BRAG has sought to collect information from as many outside sources as possible. This public input process is an attempt to synthesize public opinion about the adequacy of support and funding of BRAG's services and products within the Bear River District. In this effort, BRAG holds multiple public meetings each year. Information was collected from individuals and representatives of all three counties of the Region.

BRAG holds regular consultations with staff at Logan City to exchange demographic data and coordinate on projects occurring within either jurisdiction that may potentially benefit residents of both the Entitlement Area and the balance of the Bear River Region. Transitional housing has been identified in Logan City's 5-year Consolidated Plan as a significant need in Logan City's Entitlement Area and the region.

In Calendar Year 2021, BRAG has worked regularly with the English Language Learning Center in Logan, Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connections and the Northern Utah Hispanic Health Coalition to promote BRAG services including access to CDBG, Weatherization, LIHEAP assistance, and Aging Services to populations where English is not the primary language spoken at home. Additionally, BRAG was involved in the establishment of the Cache Refugee and Immigration Connection, a support organization designed to promote the economic self-sufficiency and integration of immigrants and refugees through improved access to services and education. Through 2022, additional outreach and public comment will be gathered from Latino and other non-English-speaking communities in the Region, particularly Southeast Asian refugees relocating to Cache County.

Participants in the regular BRAG Human Services Board meeting expressed concern over regional housing quality and accessibility. It was recommended that incentives should be prioritized to assist in rehabilitation of rental properties, especially single-family homes.

In late January of 2022, the Bear River Homeless Coordinating Council conducted its annual point-in-time homeless count. Four individuals were found to be without proper shelter in the Bear River Region between January 27th and 29th, 2022. Additionally, 12 individuals were approached who appeared to be homeless but declined to participate in the survey. 62 families were sheltered using local Continuum of Care funds.

Throughout 2021, BRAG collected feedback from local governments regarding economic development issues as part of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy produced in partnership

with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Housing affordable to the region's workforce is a critical need consistently identified by many participants.

Citizen Participation

BRAG conducted a public hearing on January 26th, 2022 to solicit comments on the Community Development Block Grant program.

A second public hearing was held March 23rd, 2022 to collect public input regarding Community Development Block Grant projects identified for funding. No comments were received.

A public comment period on the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was be held from January 31st through March 1st, 2022. Notice of the public comment period is included in Appendix A. The public comment period was be noticed on the Utah Public Notice website and copies of the draft Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Update were made available on the BRAG website. No comments were received.

Expected Resources

Annual Allocation	\$812,072
Program Income	\$0
Coronavirus Allocation	
Remaining in FY 2022	\$0
Prior Years Resources	\$0
Total	\$812,073

CDBG: Each year BRAG staff and Governing Board review BRAG's rating and ranking criteria to assure consistency with BRAG Consolidated Plan, State and HUD requirements. The ranking system for 2022 CDBG Program year provides the highest number of points for those projects that benefit the highest numbers of moderate, low, and very low income persons; that implement quality growth principles; that provide decent, safe and affordable housing, create suitable living environments, or create economic opportunities; that result in the greatest regional impact; that have been well planned; that demonstrate project maturity and collaboration, and that leverage the most funds.

BRAG keeps a set-aside of CDBG funds to assist first-time home-buyers with closing costs and help make the cost of home ownership more affordable for households earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income. This small award is matched with funds from Tremonton City for home purchases within that community's boundaries. Matching funds come from the Tremonton City Redevelopment Agency.

BRAG also reserves funds for an emergency home repair program to maintain safe, decent, and affordable housing for households earning less than 50% of the AMI. This grant is also matched with funds from Brigham City and Tremonton City for projects within their respective municipal boundaries. These matching funds are also provided through municipal redevelopment agencies.

CDBG CV: In the Spring of 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BRAG received \$1.5 million to assist in the provision of services to benefit LMI populations suffering economic and social distress as a result of the disease. BRAG expended approximately \$400,000 of pandemic relief funds prior to the beginning of its 2021 Fiscal Year by purchasing personal protective gear for local law enforcement and emergency response providers; acquiring vehicles for the distribution of food pantry and Meals on Wheels food stuffs; and purchasing appliances for local senior centers to increase capacity to produce and distribute nutrition to senior citizens homebound by the pandemic.

The remaining \$1.1 million dollars was allocated in early 2021 to address continuing needs. Key investments include support to provide day care and counseling to youth and children whose families are economically impacted by COVID-19; investments in the local Children's Justice Centers to provide safe and supportive response to victims of child abuse and domestic violence which have increased due to stressors caused by the pandemic; and investment in improved access to high-speed broadband internet service in remote rural communities to support home education and home workforce development.

Goals & Objectives

Allocation priorities

Focus communities are identified using Census Bureau median area income estimates, senior population estimates, and self-assessed infrastructure needs.

Goal Outcome Indicator	Quantity	Unit of Measurement
Public Facility or Infrastructure Activity other than low/moderate		
income housing benefit	3,500	Persons Assisted
Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for low/moderate		
income housing benefit	2	Households Assisted
Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing		
benefit	2,200	Persons Assisted
Public service activities for low/moderate income housing benefit	0	Households Assisted
Facade treatment/Business building rehabilitation	0	Business
Rental units constructed	0	Household Housing Unit
Rental units rehabilitated	5	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner housing added	0	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner housing rehabilitated	20	Household Housing Unit
Direct financial assistance to homebuyers	40	Households Assisted
Homelessness prevention (Includes Short Term Rental Assistance)	0	Persons Assisted
Businesses assisted	0	Businesses Assisted
Jobs Created/retained	0	Jobs
Other	0	Other

One year goals for the number of households supported through:		
Rental assistance	750	
The production of new units 0		
Rehab of existing units 25		
Acquisition of existing units 0		
Total 775		

The identified focus communities are located in northwestern Cache County, western Box Elder County, and Rich County. This is consistent with the fact that these communities are geographically isolated from major transportation, commercial airports, suppliers, etc. The geographical isolation of these rural areas, in conjunction with lack of infrastructure and services necessary for consistent, year-round employment

creates unique needs.

Specific areas of concern are Rich County and its communities of Randolph, Garden City, Laketown, and Woodruff, and western Box Elder County communities of Snowville, Park Valley, Lynn, Yost, Grouse Creek, and Lucin.

BRAG will continue to focus HUD CDBG and other federal and state funding programs towards critical community infrastructure needs such as water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure and safe,

decent, and affordable housing. While current funding is inadequate, increased coordination and programmatic planning can help relieve the highest priority needs.

BRAG is continually working to identify Affordable Housing Need for each County and community within the region. These assessments will provide further detailed information for use in determining focus areas for appropriate resources. The most acute area of concern is currently the Bear Lake Valley portion of Rich County. Rapidly growing resort development is stressing local communities' abilities to provide adequate workforce housing for the accompanying construction and service industries. In Box Elder County, housing affordable to the manufacturing workforce is limited. As the market works to catch up with demand for median-income level housing, the low- and very low-income populations struggle to find new housing opportunities.

Aging services and housing needs are acutely felt in Box Elder and Rich Counties. With few local care center options, many seniors opt to stay in sub-standard private living quarters. BRAG will work with local senior center staff to identify potential candidates for home repair and weatherization services along with affordable alternatives to costly assisted living services. The immediate future faces significant challenges in reduced State support for home-delivered meals and nursing services.

Local infrastructure needs are regularly assessed by BRAG through individual capital improvement plans. BRAG staff will continue to work with local elected officials to identify critical infrastructure needs and match them with available funding. Staff will also engage in direct capital facility planning to ensure that more projects are matched with funding before service delivery reaches a crisis level.

In 2022, BRAG will continue to deliver Homeless Aid throughout the region utilizing Pamela Atkinson Funds and Community Service Block Grant Funds. This aid will focus on emergency shelter grants and referrals to transitional housing opportunities.

BRAG will also focus housing rehabilitation funds on non-urban communities. Service will be provided on a case-by-case, income-qualified basis.

BRAG will assist local communities in Rich County to determine eligibility for projects that will improve critical community infrastructure and access to emergency services.

The 2022 CDBG Rating & Ranking process continues to place rural community infrastructure needs as the highest priority, though other projects are eligible and may be funded if scoring in other criteria is high enough. Other programs are funded based on income eligibility of clients on a first-come first-served basis.

Geographic Distribution

Currently, BRAG has no geographically-based priority for distribution of funds or services. Remote communities in southern Rich County and western Box Elder County have been identified as "distressed" in previous Consolidated Planning efforts. Funding and services are available to these communities, however extra effort must be made to include residents and leaders of these areas in

outreach and service awareness. BRAG must work to provide additional support and education to encourage residents to participate in available programs and services.

Method of Distribution

Application criteria, materials and assistance are available online through the BRAG website and at offices in Logan and Perry.

Potential applicants for the CDBG program are notified through direct mailing sent to local governments and non-profit service providers. Additionally, CDBG application details are discussed at regular meetings with the Northern Utah Hispanic Health Coalition, the BRAG Human Services Board, and BRAG Governing Board.

The CDBG program award process involves grantee completion of the regional Rating & Ranking materials in tandem to the State program application forms. This regional Rating & Ranking process is developed using input from the BRAG Governing Board, elected officials representing each of the region's three counties and six of its member municipalities. Regional priorities and selection criteria are evaluated and amended annually.

Once projects have been rated and ranked, the highest-scoring projects are recommended to the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, Division of Housing and Community Development for funding.

The 2022 Regional CDBG Rating & Ranking methodology and Thresholds & Policies are attached in Appendix D. The Bear River Region limits CDBG awards up to \$200,000 in order to encourage local investment leverage and ensure successful projects while assisting the highest possible number of communities and beneficiaries each year.

The intended outcomes of these investments are to improve suitable living environment of LMI communities and populations through critical public infrastructure investments, increased access to non-profit service providers, and expanded housing opportunity.

Public Housing

In 2020, BRAG sold four CROWN homes into private ownership through the Utah Housing Corporation. After having provided the single-family detached units for rent to low and moderate income households, the homes were sold on the open market to income-qualified families. Families currently occupying the units had first right of refusal to purchase the properties. All four households currently occupying the units financed the acquisition of their homes. The re-conveyance of funds that BRAG received from these units will be reinvested in housing opportunity in Box Elder County.

The HUD Section 8 program provides approximately \$2.5 million for rental assistance through the Bear River and Logan Housing Authorities, both administered by BRAG. There are no matching requirements for this program.

Additionally, the Bear River Housing Authority will offer mortgage payment assistance to five qualified clients each year.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

In 2020 and 2021, the State of Utah's median home values climbed dramatically. The Bear River Region's housing market followed suit. Low supply and high demand have lead the average sale price of homes in Cache County to jump from \$332,880 in December of 2020 to \$465,000 in December of 2021 (Utah MLS). The prevailing attitudes towards government regulation naturally limit the potential for taxation, fees, and other rules and policies that restrict building, with the exception of lot size. The rapid growth in the region is a cause of concern for many residents who feel that the rural character of their communities is in jeopardy. This leads to significant resistance to increases in development density. One of the most direct ways to influence housing prices is to reduce the amount of land necessary to build and public infrastructure to install and maintain. Multi-family housing and small-lot single-family housing are often controversial in rural communities, but offer the best chance to combat rising housing costs while providing safe and decent housing options.

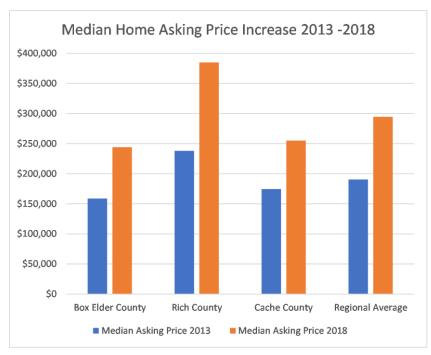
BRAG works regularly with local governments to address planning and zoning requirements that may limit housing choice. BRAG provides technical assistance throughout the planning process as requested and has distributed an educational pamphlet to each community in the region highlighting the benefits of planning for housing choice and addressing many of the concerns related to multi-family and smaller-lot housing.

The rate of increase in incomes has not kept pace with the rate of increase in housing costs. Even during the economic recession from 2007 to 2010, as housing costs dropped or stagnated, they continued to climb faster than wages. The result of this disparity is twofold; first, renters and homeowners are paying an increasing portion of their household income toward housing related costs, and second, more families are being priced out of home-ownership.

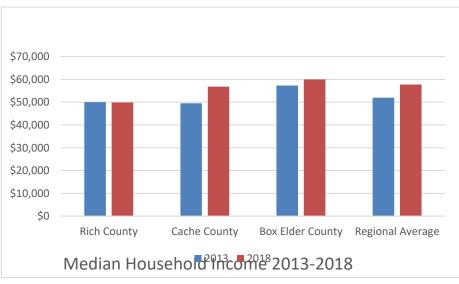
Cost Burdened Households are households paying more than 30% of their gross income to housing-related costs such as rent or mortgage, utilities, insurance, homeowner's association or condo fees, etc.

Cost Burdened Households are at risk of financial "meltdown" when faced with unexpected medical or other household expenses. Many households are literally one paycheck away from foreclosure, bankruptcy or homelessness.

Cost Burdened Households (2021 CHAS)			
Box Elder County	3,400 Households	19.6%	
Cache County	10,255 Households	27.2%	
Rich County 70 Households 11.2%			



Between 2013 and 2018, the median home sale asking price in the region increased from \$190,467 to \$294,633, an increase of 55% (Wasatch Front MLS, 2020).



In a similar timeframe, average annual household income grew from \$51,934 to \$57,726, an increase of only 10% (2013 and 2018 American Community Survey).

Source: 2000 Census and 2015 American Community Survey

Most communities in the region have recognized the need to provide housing for moderate income families and individuals. However regulatory barriers are still considerable in many communities that need affordable housing such as accessory apartments, manufactured housing, and high-density multiunit development. While these housing styles may not be outright prohibited in communities, a general negative public perception of multi-unit housing projects and higher density lead to restrictive land use requirements that make it difficult to reduce housing costs. Additionally, appreciating land values and infrastructure costs, particularly for waste water treatment, in remote rural areas are making it difficult for developers to provide affordable units at current market prices. BRAG continues to encourage communities to adequately plan ahead for growth to reduce infrastructure costs, thereby passing fewer costs on to developers and property owners. BRAG also serves as a regional clearinghouse for housing providers and local agencies to collaborate and partner on housing needs and projects.

Other problems of Low Income Housing in the three counties of the Bear River Region include: lacking complete kitchen or plumbing facilities (substandard), having more than 1 person per room (overcrowded), and paying more than 30% of gross income towards housing costs (cost burdened). We assume that lacking complete kitchen or plumbing facilities is the most severe housing problem, followed by overcrowding, followed by cost burden. If a household has more than one of these problems they are counted with the most severe problem.

Other

BRAG's Housing Specialist performs lead based paint tests on all HUD funded housing rehabilitation projects that cost more than \$5,000 for. Projects that are less than \$5,000, but are likely to disturb painted surfaces are also tested. (Emergency Home Repair, Minor and Major Home Repair, CDBG) All Section 8 Units receive a visual inspection. For units that appear to have deteriorating paint, lead based paint testing is required. If lead is found, the landlord must take corrective action.

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Proof of Notice and Response to Comments

2022 Bear River Regional Capital Improvements List

Bear River Regional 2022 Consolidated Capital Improvements List Supplemental

Applicant	Project Description	Total Project	CDBG	CIB Amount	Other Funds	CIB Submission
Priority*		Cost	Amount			Date
Laketown						
	Secondary Water System	\$1,800,000			\$1,800,000	
Cache Count	ту					
	Children's Justice Center	\$48,000	\$48,000			
Brigham City	,					
	Brigham City – Box Elder Community Pantry	\$180,000	\$180,000			
Cornish Tow	n					
	Water System Improvements					
Smithfield Ci	ity					
	Neighborhood Housing Solutions – road infrastructure for affordable housing	\$508,000	\$200,000			
Snowville			1			
	Snowville Deep Creek Bridge Replacement	\$2,800,000	\$200,000		\$5,700	

Mantua Tov	vn		16		
	Main Street Reconstruction	\$1,700,000		\$1,700,000	
	Water Storage Tank	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000	
	Well Development	TBD			2024
Bear River A	Association of Governments				
	CDBG Administration & Planning	\$50,000	\$50,000		
	Housing Assistance	\$116,250	\$116,250		
Hyde Park (I	
	Water Master Plan Update	\$60,000			
	Well Drilling and Development	\$1,800,000			
Corinne				I	
	Wastewater Master Plan	\$47,000			
	Water Master Plan	\$47,000			
	Wastewater System Upgrades	TBD			2025
Rich County	<u>, </u>			I	
	County Recreation Center Feasibility Study	\$49,000			

Public Outreach & Consultation

1. AOG: _Bear River Association of Governments Employee: _Brian Carver				
2. Name of Agency Consulted: BRA	AG Governing Board Date of Co	onsultation: <u>1/27/2022</u>		
3. Agency/Group/Organization Typ	e (Check all that apply)			
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted? The board discussed possible eligible expenditures for the CDBG Coronavirus funds responding to needs from local communities and non-profit service providers.				
6. What are the anticipated outcor	mes of the consultation of areas f	or improved coordination?		
The board will prioritize funds over the next week to address known needs and requests.				

1. AOG: Bear River Association of Gove	rnments Employee: Brian Co	arver
2. Name of Agency Consulted: Bear I	River Area Agency on Aging Da	te of Consultation: 11/18/2021
3. Agency/Group/Organization Type	(Check all that apply)	
Housing PHA Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Homeless Health Agency Publically funded institution/System of Care* Other government-County X Regional Organization Community Development Financial Institution Major Employer *Organizations which may discharge per facilities, foster care and other youth face 4. What section of the Plan was address Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless Homeless Needs-Unaccompanied Youth HOPWA Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy	cilities, and corrections programs	health care facilities, mental health and institutions. all that apply) Market Analysis Homelessness Needs-
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The consultation provided information of services that affect livability and affordation outreach to citizens to educate them on	bility for seniors. It also provides	more opportunity to coordinate

 AOG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver Name of Agency Consulted: Bear River Housing Authority Date of Consultation: 12/04/2021 Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply) 				
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted? I met with the PHA director and staff to collect information regarding the needs of housing authority				
clients, condition of properties inspected, and overall attitudes towards housing in the region. Affordability, discrimination and homelessness were discussed.				
6. What are the anticipated outcome	mes of the consultation of area	as for improved coordination?		

This input is used to inform elected officials and the public of the actual demands for and utilizations of

affordable housing subsidies. This drives education efforts against housing discrimination and for the inclusion of

affordable housing in land use policy development.

1. AUG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver				
2. Name of Agency Consulted: <u>Box Elder Family Support Center</u> Date of Consultation: <u>11/18/2021</u>				
3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)				
	X Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS X Services-Health X Child Welfare Agency Other government- Federal Other government-Local Planning organization Private Sector Banking/Financing Foundation persons into homelessness, such as her facilities, and corrections programs a	Services-Fair Housing Civil Leaders Other government- State Grantee Department Business leaders Neighborhood Organization Other: ealth care facilities, mental health		
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?				
The Box Elder Family Support Center was consulted directly to gather organizational information on activities and services for families fleeing domestic violence.				
6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?				

This organizational contact helped clarify needs for domestic violence victims for shelter, transitional housing, and rehabilitative services, particularly in response to COVID-19 pandemic stresses. It also helped gather

information to influence funding policies for CDBG.

1. AOG: Bear River Association of Go	vernments Employee: Bi	rian Carver
2. Name of Agency Consulted: Opt	tions for Independence Date o	of Consultation: 1/8/2022
3. Agency/Group/Organization Typ	e (Check all that apply)	
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1. AOG: Bear River Association of Gov	vernments	Employee: <u>Bria</u>	n Carver
2. Name of Agency Consulted: <u>Stat</u>	e of Utah, Dept. o	f Workforce	
Services Date of Consultation: 1/13	3/2022		
3. Agency/Group/Organization Typ	e (Check all that a	pply)	
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BRAG meets monthly with regional workforce education, and other we			
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Consultations provide insight into dem elected officials in prioritizing projects	• ,	_	ne region to help guide BRAG staff and

1. AOG: Bear River Association of Gover	nments Employee: Brian Carv	ver
2. Name of Agency Consulted: Northern	Utah Hispanic Healthcare Coalition	
Date of Consultation: <u>December 15, 202</u>	<u>21</u>	
3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Ch	eck all that apply)	
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BRAG participates regularly in meetings with the NUHHC to share information on services and programs with the regional Hispanic population. BRAG also seeks input from this organization on methods to increase participation from minority populations in local planning processes and programs.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Input from the NUHHC helps BRAG adjust its language access policies and bilingual documentation on programs and services. It also helps identify community needs and priorities for future project development.

1. AOG: _Bear River Association of	Governments E	mployee: <u>Brian Carver</u>
2. Name of Agency Consulted: <u>Co</u>	ornish Town Date of Consult	ation: <u>9/18/2021</u>
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2022 CDBG Rating & Ranking Criteria and Program Policies

Bear River Association of Governments

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

2022 Rating & Ranking Criteria

This application can be found on the web at www.brag.utah.gov/CDBG/CDBG.htm

1) What percent of the project beneficiaries fall into the following income groups?					My Project Percentage		
20 points po	ssible						
80% CMFI*	<51%	51-55%	56-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-100%	
	0 points	8 points	9 points	10 points	11 points	12 points	
50% CMFI	65% or more	of total project l	peneficiaries hav	e household inco	me at or below 50	0% CMFI 4 points	
30% CMFI	40% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 30% CMFI 4 points						
Opting to meet a HUD National Objective without income data** Projects that meet a HUD National Objective by meeting the criteria for "presumed Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)" groups or qualified Urgent Need projects may opt to not document specific LMI beneficiaries and receive 8 points automatically. Qualified Slum & Blight projects may opt to receive 8 points without providing income documentation Urgent Need projects are not required to provide proof of —Yes							
income qualification and are limited in budget size and scope and may receive 9 points without documenting specific LMI beneficiaries.							

^{*} County Median Family Income (see http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/cdbg/applications.html or State Application Appendix C).

How to Document: Consult BRAG staff to determine the best way to document income for your project.

**Projects that meet a HUD National Objective (see Chapter III of State Application Guide) by serving a HUD specified "Presumed Low-to-Moderate income (LMI) group or that aid in the prevention of slum or blight (National Object #2) or respond to an Urgent Need (National Object #3) may opt to receive "default" points in this category automatically without having to document LMI beneficiaries. Otherwise they must document LMI benefit and will not be eligible for default points. You <u>must</u> consult with BRAG staff if you think your project may qualify.

2) Is the jurisd	My Jurisdiction Is Participating	
and Quality G	rowth Principles? 10 points possible	
<u>3 Points</u>	Has your jurisdiction addressed moderate income housing in its general plan as required by State Code Title 10-9a-403(2)(a)(iii)? (Towns with populations under 1,000 receive 2 points if no plan)	
2 Points	Does this project implement moderate income housing or homeless goals as identified in your general plan (whether required by state code or not) or in BRAG's Consolidated Plan?	
3 Points*	Has your jurisdiction adopted ordinances to protect and conserve water, air, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands and/or historic places?*	
<u>1 Point</u>	The Community has completed an "ADA Checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal" for the main administrative office.	
1 Point	The Community has adopted the following policies – 1) Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2) Section 504 and ADA Effective Communication Policy, 3) Language Access Plan and 4) Section 504 and ADA Reasonable Accommodation Policy	

^{*} Applicants will receive one point for each ordinance adopted to protect or conserve water, air quality, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands, and/or historic places. Up to three points possible. Attach copies of ordinances and planning documents to Application Packet.

3a) For Community fund the project thr 10 points possible	Your Jurisdiction's Tax Rate as a Percentage of State Ceiling			
Tax Rate as a % of Ceiling*	Tax rate <15% of ceiling O points	Tax rate 16-25% of ceiling 5 points	Tax rate >25% of ceiling 10 points	

How to Document: BRAG staff will use the tax rate data produced by the Utah Tax Commission to confirm your jurisdiction taxing position. No documentation required.

OR

3b) For Drinking Water/Waste Water Projects – Are the system user fees competitive according to State Drinking Water and Water Quality standards?				Your Jurisdiction's Utility Rate as a Percentage of
10 points possible				<u>MAGI</u>
Maximum Affordable Water Bill (1.75% of MAGI)				

Regional Priority

4) How does the project rate with regional priorities, goals, and policies? Regional priorities are determined by the Community Investment Council and BRAG Governing Board.

20 points possible

	Public Utility Infrastructure	Public Safety Activities	Removing Barriers	Community Facilities (non-	LMI Housing	Other Projects	
goals, and	20 points	16 points	12 points	recreational)	4 points	0 points	
policies				8 points			

Public Utility Infrastructure – Projects designed to increase the capacity of public utility systems to better serve the community. May include drinking water, wastewater disposal projects and transportation facilities.

Public Safety Activities - Projects related to the protection of life or property, would include activities such as flood control, fire protection, or abuse prevention projects in a community.

Community Facilities – Non-administrative and non-recreational facilities and service activities such as senior citizen centers, health clinics, and food banks.

LMI Housing – Projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low, low, and moderate income families. May include the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing dwelling units or the development of public infrastructure that would serve LMI housing projects or homeless shelters.

Removing Barriers – Accessibility to public facilities by disabled persons is mandated by federal law. Projects will remove accessibility barriers in existing public buildings and facilities.

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5) When was the last time the jurisdiction or organization was funded with CDBG **Program Year Last Funded** and did you manage the project satisfactorily? 10 points possible with CDBG Applicant funded Applicant funded Last funded Applicant funded Applicant funded **Applicant** with CDBG* in 2020 in 2019 in 2018 in 2017 funded in 2016 or never funded. **0** Points 2 Points **5 Points** 1 Point 3 Points **Applicant** Project Manager Documentation/ Project Compliance with First-time Consistency Communication Regulations & Capacity to Completed in applicant Administer Contract Period Laws default: 2.5 1 point 1 point Grant **Points** 1 point 2 points

6) What is the overall project impact? 15 points possible

Project Impact Geography	The project benefits fewer than 50 individuals	benefits benefits between 51 between 101 and 100 and 500		The project benefits between 501 and 1000 individuals	The project benefits more than 1000 individuals			
	1 Point	4 Points	6 Points	8 Points	10 Points			
Project Impact Beneficiaries	The project be 2.5 Points							
	AND							
	The project ad							
	2.5 Points							

Targeted population includes LMI populations and HUD-specified "presumed" LMI populations such as homeless, elderly, disabled adults, victims fleeing abuse, etc.

[&]quot;Critical need" would include health and safety emergencies and special needs as defined in the Consolidated Plan such as transitional housing, mobility, respite care, etc.

7) Per Capita Funding – How much CDBG money is invested in each beneficiary?

5 points possible

Project CDBG \$'s	<u>>\$800</u>	<u>\$401-800</u>	<u>\$201-400</u>	<u>\$101-200</u>	<u>\$1-100</u>	
per Beneficiary	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	

8) Does the project have competitive matching funds or leverage of funds?

10 points possible

Applicant contribution and any other outside funding	>40%	30.1-40%	20.1-30%	10.1-20%	<10%	
(Beneficiary Population >5,000)						
Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
Applicant contribution and any other outside funding	>30%	23.1-30%	15.1-23%	7.1-15%	<7%	
(Beneficiary Population 1,001-5,000)						
Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
Applicant contribution and any other outside funding	>20%	15.1-20%	10.1-15%	5.1-10%	<5%	
(Beneficiary Population 501-1,000)						
Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
Applicant contribution and any other outside funding	>10%	7.1-10%	4.1-7%	1-4%	<1%	
(Beneficiary Population <500)						
Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	

Bear River Region

CDBG Allocation Policies

2022 Funding Year

- 1) The Bear River Regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project rating and ranking and funding allocation process will be administered by the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Community Investment Council (the Council). This council is created by and responsible as a subcommittee to the BRAG Governing Board. Its core composition shall consist of at least one county and one city elected official from each county. All elected officials serving on the BRAG Community Investment Council shall also serve as members of the BRAG Governing Board. At least one representative for each of the following categories must be seated on the council: low income persons, small business owners, and private lenders. It will consist of no more than ten (10) members. Appointments of members shall be made by the BRAG Governing Board. Elected officials shall have no specified term of office. Other Council members shall serve two-year terms and may be reappointed.
- 2) The highest ranked CDBG project will be funded first. As a rule, funding requests will not be reduced if it would mean a reduced scale of the project unless the project is the last one funded. The next ranked project will be considered and funded similarly. This process will continue until the funds available are exhausted.
- 3) In the event of a tie for the last funding position, the project with the most project beneficiaries will be funded.
- 4) After all requests have been fully funded in the order of their Rating and Ranking prioritization and a balance remains insufficient for the next project in priority to complete a project in the current year, the available funds will be first applied to the highest scoring project until that project is fully funded and then to the next project, and so on. Any remaining funds, after all competitive applications have been fully funded, will be applied to the BRAG Emergency Home Repair program.
- 5) Any project that does not score a minimum of 40 points in the BRAG Rating & Ranking Application will not be considered for funding.
- 6) Applicants must participate in the regional consolidated planning process which ensures that projects considered for funding are those which are of high priority and part of the applicant's previous planning process. Applicants and those submitting projects through a sponsoring city or county must make reasonable effort to amend the sponsor's capital improvement list in a timely manner as determined by the Council.
- 7) The Council and BRAG staff will review and rate and rank all applications. The Council determines final rating and ranking and recommends to the Governing Board for approval.
- 8) These policies will be revised annually and will be published for public comment in August preceding the program year.

- 9) Since funds are available from the Safe Drinking Water Committee and the Board of Water Resources, the maximum CDBG allocation per water project will be 50% of total project cost.
- 10) The Council may request an allocation of emergency funding outside of the regular CDBG application cycle from or on behalf of a city or county from the next program year's allocation, (i.e. 2021). The Council has defined "emergency" to mean any public health and safety crisis experienced by a city or county which could not have been foreseen (i.e. fire, flood, act of God) and where no other alternative funding or temporary solution is available. Such projects must meet a CDBG national objective. The Council will review and forward all such applications to the State CDBG Policy Committee for final approval on a case by case basis.
- 11) When a city or county presents a project that is intended to address an emergency situation that is a clear threat to public health and safety, the Council may determine said project to meet the urgent need national objective of the CDBG program. In this case the applicant may present their application in accordance with Policy 10 above. There are strict CDBG program requirements that must be met. State CDBG staff will determine if the project meets the national thresholds.
- 12) When an applicant submits more than one application, only the highest ranked application will be considered for funding unless all other projects have been funded. This excludes applications that are sponsored by a city or county on behalf of another organization.
- 13) The minimum CDBG allocation per project will be \$30,000 and the maximum shall be \$200,000. At the discretion of the Council, applicants can request the ceiling be raised for their projects based on the following: multiple entity collaboration or emergency health and safety needs. Any applicant that receives the maximum award of \$200,000 must wait 24 months before applying for a new grant.
- 14) Multiple year projects are discouraged and will be allowed only at the discretion of the Council for a maximum of two (2) years. The applicant must demonstrate clearly why two years are required to complete the project.
- 15) The Council may approve regional CDBG set-asides under the following three conditions: a) they are consistent with the priorities established in the Bear River District Consolidated Plan; b) they are approved prior to the CDBG applicant "How-to-Apply" meetings for the region; and c) the opportunity for public comment is accommodated by publishing the proposed allocation on the State Public Notice website and receiving public input via a public hearing.
- 16) Public service providers, traditionally non-profit organizations, are encouraged to apply for CDBG funds for capital improvements and major durable equipment purchases. Examples are fixtures, construction, remodeling, and facility expansion. State policy prohibits the use of CDBG funds for operations and maintenance. This includes paying administrative costs, salaries, purchasing non-durable equipment, supplies, etc. No more than 15 percent of the state's yearly allocation of funds may be expended for public service activities.
- 17) BRAG will only act as sponsor for non-profit organizations with CDBG projects having regional implications.
- 18) Should an applicant feel that their project was unfairly rated, ranked, or otherwise considered by the Council, they may file a grievance in writing no later than ten (10) business days following the Rating & Ranking date of March 24, 2021 to Brian Carver, Community & Economic Development Director, Bear

River Association of Governments, 170 North Main, Logan, Utah. Responses will be provided in writing within 15 business days of receipt. If a response satisfactory to the aggrieved is not issued by the Committee, an appeal may be made to the BRAG Governing Board. Any appeal of the local determination made by the BRAG Governing Board should be filed with the State of Utah CDBG Policy Board, as set forth in the State of Utah CDBG policies and procedures.

REGIONAL PROJECT ALLOCATIONS 2022

The following set-asides are recommended for the 2022 CDBG Program Year.

A) ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING (\$50,000):

In order to assure that applicants have the assistance they need in accessing the CDBG Program, \$35,000 will be provided to fund staff at the Bear River Association of Governments to help the CDBG applicants in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties; and \$15,000 will be provided to complete the Regional Consolidated Plan Action Plan Update.

B) ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES FOR WATER/SEWER REPAIRS OR HOOK-UPS AND HOUSING REHABILITATION (\$45,000):

In order to remedy health hazards associated with failing water and waste water systems and provide urgently needed housing rehabilitation, BRAG will operate a grant/loan program to assist low income families in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties.

C) PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ADMINISTRATION (\$19,250):

Emergency Home Repair program delivery costs (\$14,750) and Administration costs (\$4,500) for the home buyer assistance program for BRAG staff.

D) FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM (\$50,000):

Up to \$2,000 loan to first time low to moderate income home buyers to pay costs related to purchasing a home. Grantees must complete home ownership workshops. \$5,000 will be used to provide homeownership workshops.